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# Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Steven Chu to Speak Tonight

April 15, 2014



*Dr. Steven Chu*

Former U.S. Secretary of Energy and Nobel Prize Winner in Physics, Dr. Steven Chu will present “Renewing our Independence through Renewable Energy: Challenges and Opportunities” on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 847 Plant Drive.

Chu is the keynote speaker for “No Impact Week” hosted by the Center for Sustainability and the University Wellness Program. A distinguished physicist, innovative professor and the first science laureate to serve as U.S. Secretary of Energy, Chu will offer insight on our energy future—and how advances in science are the key to solving our most confounding global issues.

A distinguished physicist, innovative professor and the first science laureate to serve as U.S. energy secretary, Chu was instrumental in transforming the agency by bringing science to the forefront of America’s clean energy policy. Chu was also a top science adviser to President Barack Obama, where he used his skills to assist BP in stopping the massive Gulf oil leak and assisted the government of Japan in dealing with the tsunami-damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear reactors.

His work in laser cooling and trapping earned him recognition as a co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in physics in 1997. He continues to work on solving the country’s energy problems by focusing on new pathways to

sustainable, carbon dioxide-neutral energy.

This free event, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the College of Science and Mathematics, Department of Physics, Center for Sustainability, Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development and the University Wellness Program.

Admission is free and open to everyone.

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